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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination and calculation of the filing fee as follows:

## **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-16 are pending as follows:

1. (Original) An electrical connector comprising a pin connector and a socket connector, said pin connector including a plurality of pin contacts, a required number of grand contacts and a block for holding said pin and ground contacts, and said socket connector including a plurality of socket contacts, a required number of ground contacts and a housing for holding said socket and ground contacts,

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